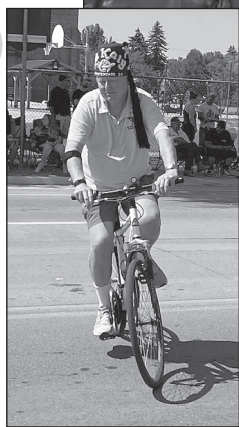


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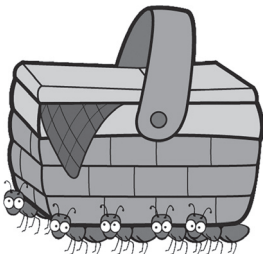
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Assistant Rabban

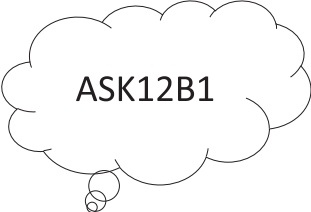
August is Picnic Month – hopefully you have been keeping up with the Nuts and Bolts so you, your family, and a prospective member can join us on August 11 at John Metcalf Park in Fountain. Call the office quickly if you haven't yet made your reservations, and don't forget to bring your Raffle Tickets for the drawing as well as your piggy banks for I.S. Ray Singmaster's Calling of the Hogs.

Oriental Guide Arnold Montoya and I are already busy preparing for the Second Annual Al Kaly Feztival of Trees coming November 23 – 30, 2024. For those who may not have heard about it, this fundraiser consists of decorated Christmas Trees with gifts that total at least \$500. A \$2 entry fee includes a raffle ticket for the Divan tree, and additional raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or 125 for \$100. The owner of the selected ticket for each tree wins the tree, the decorations, and the gifts. It should be noted that proceeds are for the benefit of Al Kaly Shriners and are not tax deductible; however, it is also true that assistance with our organizational expenses helps us to better serve our philanthropy.

As always, these events cannot be successful without the assistance of the Nobility. Therefore, if you own a business, work for a business, are retired from a business, shop at a business, or pass one on the street, tell them about the



Feztival and see if they might help by sponsoring a tree that will highlight their products, supporting one with a donated gift, and/or be willing to post a sign for their customers to see. Of course, trees from clubs and units are also earnestly solicited – it's not too early to form a tree committee.



More information will be coming soon in both the October/November issue of the Dust as well as future Nuts and Bolts. In the meantime, call or email Arnold or me if you have any questions or are successful in obtaining a donor or advertiser so we can provide you with a cover letter and form.

Hope to see you at our next parade, meeting, official visit, or event. The busy summer season continues.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

4	Supreme Visit
9	Southeast Shrine Club OV
10	Lamar Parade
11	Al Kaly Picnic
11	Al Kaly Raffle Drawing
16	Rocky Ford Parade
29-31	CSSA

SEPTEMBER

2	Trinidad Parade
2	Fountain Parade
17	Clay Shoot
13	Walk for Love
14	La Junta Parade
16	Golf Tournament
21	Florence Parade
21	Stated Meeting & Ceremonial
26-28	Circus

OCTOBER

5	Penrose Parade
6	Bowl-a-Thon
6	LOH Spaghetti Dinner
24	Pote Trip
31	Halloween
31	Consistory Reunion

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the September 21, 2024 stated meeting will be held at:

Colorado Springs Shrine Club
6 South 33rd Street, Colorado Springs, CO
Ceremonial 11 a.m., Lunch noon,
Stated Meeting 1 p.m.

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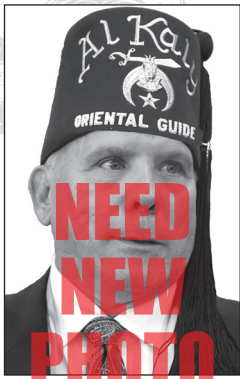
MEMBERSHIP KEY TO SHRINERS

Mark Giffin
High Priest and Prophet

The demographics of membership for Al Kaly Shrine are difficult. Our territory expands from Durango to Lamar, from Monument to Alamosa. We have 30 lodges in our territory and yet we struggle to get new membership. Our best marketing tool is participating in the many parades across southern Colorado. What else needs to be done to maximize our membership?

According to the “Membership and Marketing Seminar” I recently attended, we need to be supporting our Blue Lodges as much as possible. We even heard from a Shriner who had visited 120 different Blue Lodges. We as Master Masons can participate in meetings, serve on committees, and recommend new members for masonry. Al Kaly can only thrive when all of our Blue Lodges are doing well.

In an effort to help our Blue Lodges bring in new members, we are sending out flyers to all of the Blue Lodges inviting



them to participate in all of our events. We can help the Blue Lodge recruit by having their prospects participate in our Sporting Clay Shoot, Golf Tournament, and Dinner and Cigars. If we help them with membership, then they will help us with membership.

Also, we are starting a competition amongst the Blue Lodges. The Blue Lodge that supplies us with the most members in 2024 will receive the Il. Sir Robert Burr Memorial Membership Cup. This is a traveling trophy that can be displayed in meetings and brings attention to our Shrine temple. It will be presented at the last stated meeting in 2024 to the winning lodge.

We as a Shrine Temple are close to showing positive growth. Shriners International showed positive growth in 2023 for the first time in 20 years. Let's be part of the solution!

Membership	
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SAN JUAN BASIN

Noble Shawn Smith

Thank You to all the Nobles who drive in the 4th of July Parades.

The San Juan Basin Shrine Club with the Tin Lizzie Unit had a great time on the 4th of July. The Tin Lizzies were in three parade entries included Bayfield, Pagosa Springs, and Durango. All of the parades were well attended with thousands of people and many young children who love the Tin Lizzies. As we passed by the announcer at the Bayfield parade, I heard him say “It wouldn’t be the 4th of July without the Tin Lizzies.” The Shriners were greeted with applause everywhere we went all up and down the parade path. Some Nobles showed up that we haven’t seen in a while and all the Nobles who participated shared a real sense of fellowship and pride that we could be a part of something that would remind people of the children that are being helped every day in Shriners Hospitals all over this country and in the world. Another aspect of the participation in the parades was that a new person came over to us in Durango and asked to become a Shriner and a Mason. He was very sincere and we look forward to working with him. These parades really help to show the community that the Shriners and the Masons are here and we are active. There really is a very good reason we drive these little cars in these parades. It is one of the best ways we have of sending a message to the community that this is a



July 19's Joint OV of the Escalante and San Juan Basin Shrine Clubs held in Cortez, CO

great organization to join to be a part of something that makes a difference.

OH, WE NEED MORE DRIVERS.

Be thinking about the next parades.

The San Ignacio Fiesta Parade in Ignacio, CO should happen around the 27th of July.

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A commemorative 2024 Walk for Love T-Shirt will be provided with your online registration.

Online Registration Details:

- 1) In your browser, type: walkforloveslc.org - this will bring you to the SLC Walk for Love Home page.
- 2) Select Register
- 3) Select Team Al Kaly
- 4) If you are planning on walking here in Colorado Springs, or somewhere locally, Select Virtual Walker. The cost will be \$25 per person, including your t-shirt.
- 5) Follow the prompts for personal details, and check-out.

Alternatively, you can write a check to WALK FOR LOVE for any amount, and in memo line put TEAM AL KALY, and send or provide the check to Lady JoAnne Sube, 4327 Stonestrow View, Colorado Springs 80922; or Lady Maddy Stevens, 4120 Greens Dr., Colorado Springs 80922. Both will forward your check to SLC.

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ESCALANTE SHRINE CLUB

Escalante Shrine Club participated in the annual Rico Independence Day Parade on July 4th. Norman Moss (not pictured) drove his brand new Toyota Tundra as our parade float complete with recently refurbished sign boards, magnetic Shrine decals and Fezzy the Bear seated on the tail gate. The parade was kicked off by a fly-over of two F-16s piloted by



Nobles participating in the parade (left to right) are: Mike Mussler (Parade Marshal), Sam Barrett, Rodney Branson, Lee Coley and Ed Merritt.

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the Colorado National Guard. The parade route through Rico was lined with a good turn out under a cloudless blue sky and cooler mountain valley temperatures. Our event concluded with a picnic lunch in the lawn next to the Rico Church hosted by Ladies Patti Moss, Judy Barrett and Jan Mussler.





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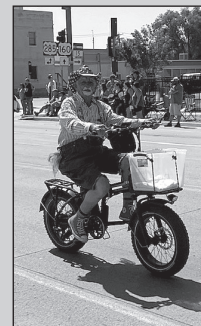
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FEATURED SHRINER STEPHEN FILICHIA

by *Billie Nigro*

Stephen was raised by his dad, Tony Filichia, who was a cook in the US Army. He was born at Ft Bragg in North Carolina, the oldest of six. His dad is now a retired electrician.

Stephen graduated from high school at Merritt Island, Florida. He received his Bachelor of Science at Southern New Hampshire University and is currently attending UCCS for his Master of Arts, Curriculum and Instruction.

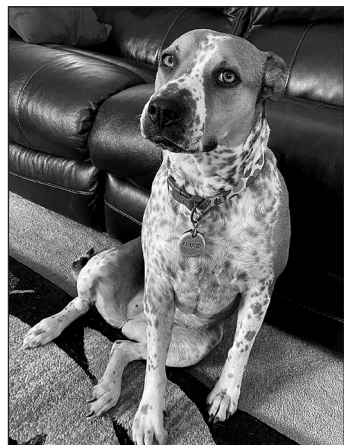
His first job was at Cre Run Farms in Montpelier, Virginia. He served as a Combat Engineer (12B) in the United States Army, until he retired in 2016. He served three years in Iraq and Kuwait (combined) and was stationed in Germany and various locations in the United States. His travels have taken him to many locations including Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland and numerous Middle East countries such as Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Turkiye and Jordan.

Following his Army retirement, he worked for USAA as a Senior Banking and Insurance Agent, and currently serves as an 11th grade English Teacher for James Irwin Schools (PTEC).

Stephen met his wife, Melissa, at Target. He literally bumped into her with his cart and asked her out on a date on the spot. He said it has been pure love ever since. He said he was attracted to her eyes and her smile, among other complimentary descriptions... They have a beautiful family. Their oldest son is Nolan, 18. Their son Kylee is 9. Cole, aka Eddy, is due in September. Their daughter Jadyn Grace is their Angel in Heaven.



Stephen in his fez



The Filichias' dog, Dot



Filichia family

His hobbies include woodworking – making patio furniture and dining room tables. He also enjoys shooting skeet and trap. In his leisure time, you might find him hiking and relaxing in the outdoors. He also enjoys reading – mostly non-fiction history. Stephen and Melissa enjoy getting away. They also enjoy Harry Potter and they have a special love for animals, especially their dog, Dot.

Stephen was interested in the Masons because it was an organization that focused on becoming a better man. He became a Mason in June 2023.

Stephen became a Shriner this past April 2024. He said he enjoys the fact that we have a great opportunity to help young children who need it. He also enjoys being in the “Corvettes” and has had the opportunity to be in two parades – one in Salida and the other in Canon City.

Stephen’s favorite saying: “Today God has given me a BIG opportunity!”



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Yours in the Faith
Rich "Swede" Hanson



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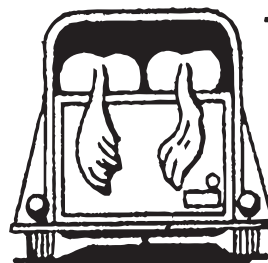
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Mon-Ark Shrine Club, 6/21/2024

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In Memoriam

As of: April 25, 2024

"Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush.
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the starshine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I do not die.
Mary Elizabeth Frye

Noble Jason Bunch

Born: 05/15/1969
Created: 10/29/2016
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Noble William Johnson

Born: 01/14/1931
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Born: 03/29/1950
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Born: 07/12/1941
Created: 10/17/1980
Died: 06/16/2024

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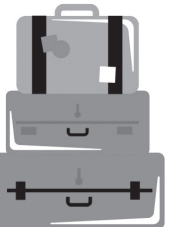
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